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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Discussion with Hal Bowen on 27 April

1. As Bob Froehke was out of town, I called Hal Bowen on the subject of the intelligence community budget and the possible appearance of the DCI before Senator Ellender. Bowen had had no intimation of any of these aspects.

2. As an extension of the budget problem, Bowen asked what I thought of the OMB paper and went on to relate that Laird had sent it on down to Froehke and that the latter, in due course, had had a talk with Schlesinger. Bowen made it clear that Defense was working with the Congress on getting two new Assistant Secretaries, one of whom would have the intelligence responsibility. It was Bowen's understanding that the Congress would be likely to support these proposals and that they would be included in the Authorization bill, which should be due about the middle of June.

(Signed) Bronson Tweedy
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